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Honorable Livingston T. Merchant
United States Ambassador-Designate to Canada
Room 1113 NE/E
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

We have checked with State and they tell us that Mr. Merchant's appointment as Ambassador to Canada was approved by the Senate this morning and that he is expected to go to Ottawa on about 12 March to present his credentials.



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